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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cy:

In your letter of 19 November 1964, you requested CIA participation in a Steering Group and Task Force to examine the requirements and alternatives for a new Search/Surveillance Satellite System. In my letter of 3 December 1964, I suggested that the proposed terms of reference of the Group be modified to avoid overlaps or duplication with the USIB structure and approved the requested CIA participation. Even though the suggested modifications to the terms of reference were not made, I approved the participation of [redacted] and Mr. Lundahl subject to the provision that such participation would not commit in any way the DCI or CIA to the Steering Group findings.

I have recently seen a copy of the final report of the Task Force and find a number of problems with it. Without prejudging the Steering Group actions on the Task Force report, I would like you to send me the Final Report of the Steering Group for Agency study and comment before any actions are authorized or implemented.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

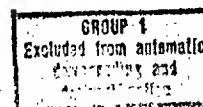
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